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REGARDING DOCKET #98P-0151/CP1 Prohibiting the slaughter of downed animals.

Dear FDA,

I have learned that there is a petition pending your vote which would make some progress towards reducing the suffering of animals used for food. **I urge you to vote in favor of this petition.**

There is no justification for inhumane treatment of any creature and it seems that, because these downed animals were destined for food, there is an accepted callousness regarding their pain.

Since profit is the bottom line for industry, passing this rule would be justification for the people who deal with these animals to take care to prevent the conditions that put the animal down in the first place. So by this one ruling, you would be making a huge difference to a lot of animals.

I hope that you realize what a positive effect you can make by granting this petition.

Sincerely,



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